



Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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A note from the Vice-Principal

I am delighted to say that the pupils are in full swing of the art units of learning. On my learning walks I have seen printing, sewing, sketching and model making. I have also seen pupils working together on these projects so have been developing their listening, communication and team work skills. I will share these wonderful outcomes as soon as they are ready.

I have been so proud of all the pupils this term especially as we have really focused on how we can be a respectful member of the community. Our head pupils represented us in the Remembrance Parade and we have produced some amazing work about how to be a good friend, be kind and who to go to if we are feeling unhappy.

Excitingly, Miss Williams will be starting her maternity leave from next week – we will miss her (and Lily!) in school but we are overjoyed for her and wish her all the best!

Mrs Gordon-Weeks

Condition for learning and core value:

Term 2's focus will be **Fun and Excitement** with the core value **Motivation**.

As we approach December, classes are beginning their winter themed art – a very exciting time for all!

Language to discuss at home:

As it has recently been anti-bullying week, discuss with your child the importance of using **kind words** towards others. Every action has an **impact** on someone, so it is imperative that they are being **thoughtful with their words** both in person and online.

Learning at home tip:

Discussing **age appropriate news** with your child helps them to understand the world around them. Try to discuss a mixture of positive and negative stories.

Learning through experiences

Year 5 have had the fantastic opportunity to visit Greatworth Farm where they had the opportunity to appreciate what the outside has to offer, develop a sense of awe and wonder at nature and the workings of a busy farm. They got stuck in to some Victorian cooking and made some delicious mince pies as well as using their maths skills to measure distances with a trundle wheel. Not only this, the children had the chance to meet our Dashwood sheep, Daisy, and to see (and hold) some hens!

Year 4 have begun their art projects looking at sculptures and how they can portray emotions through their form. To kick start the unit, all children in the year group created their very own sculpture out of soap! They looked closely at the works of Barbara Hepworth and used her pierced sculptures as inspiration.



Wellbeing tip

Sleep hygiene is about ensuring that both the environment and our habits are best placed to promote a good sleep. By **not using a device** (phone/tablet/TV) for **at least 30 minutes before sleep** greatly increased the ease of falling asleep as well as quality of sleep.

Lily goes for gold!

Since joining the team at Dashwood, Lily has completed the Kennel Club Good Citizen Awards for Bronze, Silver and now Gold! We are so proud of Lily and the level of obedience she shows with her handler, Miss Williams. She is a real asset to Dashwood and brings a smile to everyone's faces!



Remembrance Day at Dashwood

As with every Remembrance Day, we marked the occasion in school with a 2 minute silence to show our respect. Each year group has also created a piece of poppy art which is proudly displayed in the hall to form a whole school art installation. Along with Miss Gooch, our head pupils attended the Remembrance parade and laid a wreath at People's Park on Sunday 14th November.



Children in Need

Everyone at Dashwood had a great day raising money for Children in Need. We dressed up in spotty clothes and accessories and had a book sale to raise money. Thank you to all of our families that brought in books - there was a great variety for all of the children to choose from. Due to your generosity, we managed to raise an amazing **£251** for this fantastic charity.



Key information, dates and reminders

- **#UniteTheUniforms dress up day:** To honour our NHS and 999 heroes, we will be having a non-uniform day where children can come to school in red, white, blue and/or yellow on **Friday 3rd December**. Please do not buy anything special for this event; they can wear one of the colours or a mixture of all of them. On this day, we are also asking for a **tombola donations** for the PTFA Christmas event on Thursday 16th December.
- **PTFA Christmas events:** I know we have all missed our amazing PTFA events so we are delighted that this year, instead of holding one large Christmas Fayre, the PTFA will be putting on **three mini Christmas Fayres, outside** in the playground, after school from **3.10 – 3.45pm** on **Thursday 2nd December, Thursday 9th December and Thursday 16th December**. Please see the flyer below for the stalls and games that will be available. Our choir will also be singing at the last event.
- **PTFA Santa's Grotto:** If your child would like to visit the **PTFA's Santa's Grotto** (in school) on **Friday 10th December**, then please put **£3.00 in an envelope with the child's name/ class** and then put it in the labelled box in the office. **The closing date for this is Monday 6th December**. Even if you do not sign up to see Santa, we will ensure that your child gets a chance to see him (only if they would like to!)
- **Clubs:** The final week for clubs this term will be **week beginning 6th December**. As soon as we have organised the clubs for term 3 and 4, we will let you know and you will be able to sign up for them.
- **Last day of term:** The last day of this term is **Friday 17th December**. We will return to school on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**. Please note: there will be **no afterschool club on Friday 17th December**.



Health and Safety

As the weather continues to get colder and wetter, it is vital that your child comes to school with a **warm coat** and **suitable clothes for PE** (black tracksuit bottoms and a black jumper) as outdoor lessons continue.

We are continuing to remind the children of good hygiene practices as there are many winter colds and bugs going around. We really appreciate your support in reminding them of the importance of covering their nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing and washing their hands.

Online safety and streaming services

As the use of Nintendo Switches, Xboxes and Play stations continue to be popular, please ensure that your child is using them safely and sensibly – this includes monitoring who they are talking to and what they are saying. If your child has access to chat platforms, they need to be supervised whilst using them.

Dates for 2021/2022

Term 2

Monday 1 November – Friday 17 December 2021

INSET DAY: Friday 26th November - (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 17th December*

Term 3

Tuesday 4 January – Friday 18 February 2022

NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly

Term 4

Tuesday 1 March – Friday 8 April 2022

INSET DAY: Monday 28 February (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 8 April*

Term 5

Monday 25 April – **Thursday 26 May 2022**

NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly

Monday 2 May 2022: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Friday 27 May 2022: Additional Bank Holiday (School closed)

Term 6

Monday 6 June – Friday 22 July 2022

INSET DAY: Friday 24th June (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 22 July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.*

Transition days will take place on Wednesday 20- Friday 22 July so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.

Please note, there will be an additional day out of school linked to the additional bank holiday in June – this has been confirmed as Friday 27th May 2022.

**SEE BELOW FOR THE LATEST PTFA
ADVERT OF XMAS EVENTS**

PTFA Events Coming Up

Friday 3rd December- Non school uniform day- Unite the Uniforms, wear red, blue, white or yellow and bring in a tombola donation

MINI CHRISTMAS FAYRE AFTER SCHOOL ON THE PLAYGROUND

Thursday 2nd December- Hoopla £1, Hook a duck 50p, Stockings on the mantle £1, Name the teddy 50p, How many items in the jar 50p and craft table with bits to buy

Thursday 9th December- Splat the.....50p, Hats on the line £1, Hook a duck 50p, Name the teddy 50p, How many items in the jar 50p and craft table with bits to buy

Thursday 16th December- Tombola 5 tickets for £1, Hook a duck 50p, Name the teddy 50p, How many items in the jar 50p, Lapland treasure map 50p and craft stall with bits to buy

Santa's Grotto- Friday 10th December- This will be held during the school day. Sign up in the office, closes end of school on Monday the 6th December
(Each child will visit Santa, receive a gift and have their photo taken)

£3.00 per child

AGM Meeting

Wednesday 19th January 1.30pm meet at the school office. This meeting is held yearly and this is when positions are elected and monetary are discussed. We are needing new volunteers but you can come to find out what we do, if you want a say in who runs your PTFA or what events take place then this is the time to do it